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SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Is it idiopathic or idiotic, Sir? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am thankful to the information of the hon. Member. This answer has been furnished by the Head of the department. It is a technical matter. The hon. Member may well discuss this question before the Medical Association."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Was not investigation made to find out the bleeding state that was present in this patient? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Investigation was made and necessary medicines were administered but in spite of all that was done, the patient got tetanus and died. Such mishaps may sometimes take place in other hospitals also, not only in this country but also in Western countries."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" I want to put one more supplementary question, Sir."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" No more supplementaries."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" I want to put one very important supplementary question. Will you please permit me, Sir? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" All right."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" It is said that the infection may be due to " faecal contamination ". Is there faecal contamination among human beings. I think only in case of animals, it is there."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In Hydrocele operation, faecal contamination sometimes takes place. Particular care has to be taken with reference to such contamination."

Allotment for Local Development works

* 369 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the districtwar allotment for Local Development works in the year 1953–54 and in the year 1954–55 and the amount actually spent on the same in each of those years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether Government have investigated into the cause of non-utilization of the allotted amount in certain districts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, that has been done."

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government consider special treatment being accorded to poor, and dry districts like Chingleput, in the matter of matching contribution to be met by the local public in respect of local development works? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, Government could make any distinction between one district and another. The question of poverty is there in all other districts also."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, why Malabar is favoured with such a large allotment? Is that due to the incessant agitation by the representatives of Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" These funds have been distributed according to the population and that is how Malabar got a big sum. In regard to other districts also, the sums were allotted on population basis."

Extension of new railway lines in the Chingleput, North and South Arcot and Salem districts.

* 370 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recommended to the Government of India any proposals for extension of new railway lines in the Central districts of Chingleput, North and South Arcot and Salem; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage they are at present?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) This Government have furnished a list of railway projects to the Government of India in connection with the formulation of the Railway Board's Second Five Year Plan. The following proposals covering the districts of Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot and Salem have been included in the above list :—

(1) Neyveli-Vriddhachalam-Salem (Broad-Gauge) Line.

(2) Salem-Bangalore Line.

(3) Chinnasalem-Chingleput Line.

(4) Salem-Tiruchirappalli Line.

(5) Conjeeveram-Vellore Line.

" (*b*) It is observed from the Budget speech of the Minister for Transport and Railways, Government of India and the Explanatory Memorandum thereon, that in the list of surveys proposed to be undertaken during 1955–56, the traffic and engineering surveys in respect of Salem-Bangalore Line and the Katpadi or Vellore to Kancheepuram Line have been included and that the scheme for extension of electrification from Tambaram to Villupuram has been approved."